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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/646,891

Applicants: Yukio HOSAKA, et al.

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For: COMPOSITION FOR POLISHING PAD AND

POLISHING PAD THEREWITH

Group Art Unit: 1711

Examiner: A. L. Woodward

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Election of Species Requirement

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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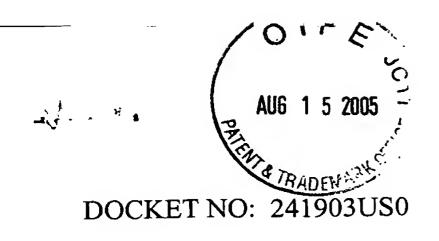
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Election Requirement mailed July 13, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect, for search purposes only, the species:

i) water-insoluble matrix: cross-linked ethylene-vinyl

acetate copolymer

ii) water-soluble particle: cyclodextrin

iii) polymer having no functional groups: crosslinked polyethylene

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring election in the above-identified application as follows:

An ultimate specific species for the following components:

- i) water-insoluble matrix;
- ii) water-soluble particle; and
- iii) polymer having no functional groups.